

MINUTES OF WATER USER'S MEETING

LOWER SAN PITCH MEETING

Monday, January 20, 1975

2:30 p.m.



The meeting was opened by Mr. Donald C. Norseth. Mr. Norseth commented that the present water situation for the state varied considerably from drainage to drainage, and that preliminary indications were that the state as a whole is about 75 percent of average. He commented that if we did not receive additional moisture during February and March, this could be a very dry year. Mr. Norseth then turned the meeting over to Ben Kjar, chairman of the Lower San Pitch Water User's Committee.

Chairman Kjar requested that Bob Morgan read the minutes from the previous meeting held January 23, 1974. After the minutes were read, Raymond Jensen moved and the motion was seconded by James G. Olsen that the minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kjar then requested that Mr. Norseth read and discuss the financial statement for the year 1974. After the discussion of the budget, it was approved unanimously by those in attendance.

A general discussion then took place concerning the method of assessment. A number of points were discussed. Most of the controversy involved areas that do not have sufficient measuring devices to provide accurate records. It was noted that this type of assessment is proving to be a valuable tool in making the water users more aware of the actual water they are diverting. Chairman Kjar then stated that unless there was a motion to amend or change the existing assessment formula, that this would remain in effect for 1975. He told the water users that they would be assessed for the irrigation season ~~March~~ April 1 to October 31.

Chairman Kjar then asked Mr. Neil Nielson to explain the activities of the San Pitch Water Conservancy District. Mr. Nielson told the audience the district was using construction funds to dredge the channel of the San Pitch River in an effort to prevent flood damage to the agriculture areas adjacent to the river.

The new 1975 budget was then discussed by the water users. Only two changes were noted in the budget as adopted for 1974. The first change was to make the amount for the commissioner's annual report \$75 instead of \$50; and the second was to move \$165 previously ear-marked for the Utah Water User's Association to the Miscellaneous Expenses category. After these corrections were made, the motion to accept the 1975 budget was made by Mr. James G. Olsen and seconded by Ray Cox. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mr. John McIntosh then reported on the commissioner's report. He discussed each diversion individually and fielded questions from the audience. He commented that the totals on the 3rd page of the report do not reflect the total flow of the river. The motion was then made by Mr. Raymond Jensen and seconded by Mr. James G. Olsen that the commissioner's report be accepted. The vote was unanimous in accepting the report.

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Chairman Kjar then told the group that elections would need to be held for Chairman, 1st Chairman, 3rd Chairman, and 5th Chairman for the distribution systems executive's board. In all cases the rules were suspended and the following people were installed by a unanimous vote in their respective positions:

Chairman: Ben Kjar  
1st Chairman: Raymond Jensen  
3rd Chairman: Ray ~~Peterson~~ *RCox*  
5th Chairman: Dwight Malgrem

Mr. Neil Nielson then moved and the motion was seconded by Raymond Jensen that Mr. McIntosch be reinstated as the Lower San Pitch Commissioner for 1975. The voting was unanimous in accepting Mr. McIntosch.

The motion was then made by Mr. James G. Olsen that the meeting adjourn.

The following persons were in attendance:

Donald Norseth	Division of Water Rights
Bob Morgan	Division of Water Rights
Lamond Gardner	Division of Water Rights
John Bene	Deputy State Engineer
J. Neil Nielson	Gunnison Irrigation Company
Wayne Nay	Gunnison Irrigation Company
Randell Hendrickson	Gunnison-Fayette Canal Co.
Raymond Jensen	No. Six Mule Irrigation Co.
Afton Larsen	Sanpitch Drainage
James G. Olsen	Ephraim, Utah
Richard Christensen	Price Dam
Stanley Price	Price Dam
Lindon Anderson	Sterling Irrigation Co.
Floyd K. Olsen	Ephraim Olsen
Wayne Olsen	Ephraim Olsen
Clyde R. Olsen	Ephraim Olsen
Alonzo Hansen	Ephraim
Ray P. Cox	Manti Irrigation & Reservoir Co.
Glen Johnson	Manti (visitor)
Carl J. Braithwaite	Manti
John McIntosch	Lower San Pitch River Commissioner
Ben Kjar	Drainage District